

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
TIGARD CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2002**

**1. WORKSHOP MEETING**

- 1.1 Mayor Griffith called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Mayor Griffith; Councilors Dirksen, Moore, Patton, and Scheckla
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4 Council Communications & Liaison Reports: None
- 1.5 Call to Council and Staff for Non Agenda Items: None

**2. UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES**

Library Director Margaret Barnes presented this agenda item. A proposed local option levy may be on the ballot in 2002 for a countywide operational levy. Concerns expressed previously by the City Council were relayed to the Cooperative Library Advisory Board; similar concerns were also expressed by other jurisdictions. A revised levy proposal and more information will be released in about a month.

Discussion followed about what cities and areas have new or renovated libraries. Also discussed was the need to replace reserve funds that have been used to fund operations.

If the proposed levy does not pass, then each city or jurisdiction will need to analyze and prioritize services. This could affect hours of operation, new purchases to add to collections, or programs offered.

There was discussion on the distribution of funds from WCCLS, which is now determined by a formula based on circulation statistics.

**3. JOINT MEETING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

- Staff Report: Community Development Staff

Planning Commission members present: Mark Padgett and Jodie Bienenrth

Discussion Topics:

- a. The Role of the Planning Commission

Mayor Griffith noted it would be helpful if there was an indication in the minutes why the Commissioners were casting their votes for or against an issue.

There was discussion on the urban growth boundary and the Urban Services Agreement with Washington County.

b. The Role of Board and Committee Members and Volunteers

Assistant to the City Manager reviewed staff's efforts to identify the difference between city volunteers and community volunteers. This becomes significant for worker's compensation matters since the City pays worker's compensation for City volunteers.

There was brief discussion on Planning Commission membership. In response to a question from Councilor Scheckla, staff will send out information regarding Planning Commission rules regarding how many Commissioners may live outside the City.

c. Policy regarding Private Streets

Planning Commission Chair Mark Padgett advised "private streets" have been a "hot topic" for the Commission. He said the Commission does not have much leeway with regard to Code specifications for private streets. He noted the Planning Commission's reluctance to approve private streets if the only reason is to allow a development of higher density. The Fire Department reviews any requests for private streets or gates.

d. Update on Commuter Rail

Mayor Griffith outlined his concerns about planning for the downtown area, which has been identified as a site for a commuter rail station. He would like one or two Planning Commissioners to serve on a committee to review and make recommendations on this matter.

There was discussion about the possibilities and potential enhancements that could be implemented with the coming commuter rail station in the downtown area.

Community Development Director Hendryx said the County is applying for a grant through the State Economic Development program. The County is asking for \$1.1 million to offset the local government match for commuter rail construction.

The Washington Square station location has not been finalized.

e. Urban Growth Boundary Expansion (UGB)

Planning Manager Shields and Community Development Director Hendryx gave an update on this item. Metro is beginning the input process to determine where the UGB should be expanded. Metro is scheduled to make a final decision by the end of this year. It is possible that the UGB may be expanded in the Bull Mountain/King City area. The City of Tigard would likely be the jurisdiction responsible for the planning in this area.

There was discussion regarding recent reports that Metro will propose a ballot measure to counter a measure proposed by Oregonians in Action regarding limiting density requirements. Community Development Director Hendryx had distributed a memo to the City Council with information about this Metro action. Discussion followed where it was noted that Metro's proposed ballot title gave the appearance of undermining its current density requirements. Assistant to the City Manager Newton reported that Metro Presiding Officer Carl Hosticka would be appearing at next week's Council meeting during the Visitor's Agenda to clarify Metro's action.

f. City Affiliation regarding Ballot Measure Endorsement

Volunteers (including Board and Committee members) may not identify themselves as affiliated with the City when endorsing (or opposing) ballot measures.

4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED TITLE 3 CODE AMENDMENT

Associate Planner Roberts presented the staff report on this item. The staff report is on file with the City Recorder as are copies of the charts Mr. Roberts referred to during his presentation. This presentation gave the City Council background information about code amendments needed in order to comply with Title 3 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan required by Metro. A formal public hearing on the compliance amendments is set for March 26, 2002.

5. UPDATE ON METRO'S REGIONAL GOAL 5

Associate Planner Roberts presented the staff report on this item. The staff report is on file with the City Recorder as are copies of the charts Mr. Roberts referred to during his presentation. This presentation gave the City Council information on how the City is participating in the regional Goal 5 planning process.

6. DISCUSSION OF THE CITY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

Associate Planner Roberts presented the staff report on this item. The staff report is on file with the City Recorder as is a copy of the chart Mr. Roberts referred to during his presentation.

Council determined they would delay a decision on whether or not to fund the Countywide Housing Advocacy Group until after the Finance Director has an opportunity to review.

There was discussion about allowing affordable housing requests to come in at other times during the year than just during the budget cycle and to separate affordable housing from other social service requests.

Sydney Sherwood advised that the County Advisory Board is may purchase Bonita Villa and possibly partner with Community Partners for Affordable Housing.

With regard to setting a benchmark – a numeric housing production goal – some Council members indicated that “100” could be an acceptable number; however, it was noted that a benchmark would serve more as a political statement showing others that the City is taking affordable housing matters seriously, but it does not really matter whether there is a stated benchmark or not.

This agenda item will be dealt with during the budget process.

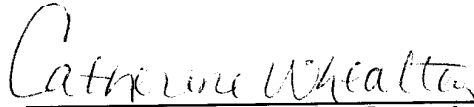
7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Griffith has been selected as the Metro Policy Advisory Committee alternate for Washington County.


8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Canceled

10. ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 p.m.

  
Catherine Wheatley, City Recorder

Attest:

  
Mayor, City of Tigard

Date: April 23, 2002

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